

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the Appln of:

Hiroaki ITO et al.

Serial No.: 09/710,892 Group Art Unit: 1772

Filed: November 14, 2000 Examiner: Marc Patterson

For: FUEL HOSE

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.181

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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We are submitting this Petition under 37 CFR §1.181 to restart the response date of the March 27, 2002, Office Action issued in connection with the above-captioned application. Examiner Patterson informed us of the issuance of this Office Action on September 27, 2002, when he inquired whether a response had been filed. Prior to October 16, 2002, we had not received any copy of this Office Action.

This Petition should be treated as a request to restart a response period for failure to receive an Office Action. No Petition fee is required.

A showing required to establish failure to receive an Office Action requires submission of a) the practitioner statement that an Office Action was not received by the practitioner, b) a statement attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicate that the Office Action was not received, and c) a copy of the docket record where the non-received Office Action would have been entered had it been received.

In support of the present Petition, the undersigned practitioner hereby declares that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the Office Action mailed March 27, 2002 has not been

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received in this office, and that a search of the file jacket and docket records support this fact. At Petitioner's request a copy of the Office Action was transmitted by facsimile to the undersigned on October 16, 2002.

In further support of the present Petition, a hard copy of the page from the electronic computer docketing system for our office is submitted herewith as Attachment A.

As can be seen from the 8th line under "Action" on Attachment A, entitled "Office Action Recd?", the "Base Date" field indicates that the Office Action has not been received in our office.

For the foregoing reasons, this Petition under 37 CFR §1.181 should be granted and a replacement Office Action should be issued with a new mailing date in order to restart the response period. Favorable action commensurate with the above is requested.

Should it be found necessary, please charge undersigned counsel's Deposit Account No. 06-1358 for any fees in connection with this Petition. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

By:

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 17, 2002

Enclosure: Attachment A

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